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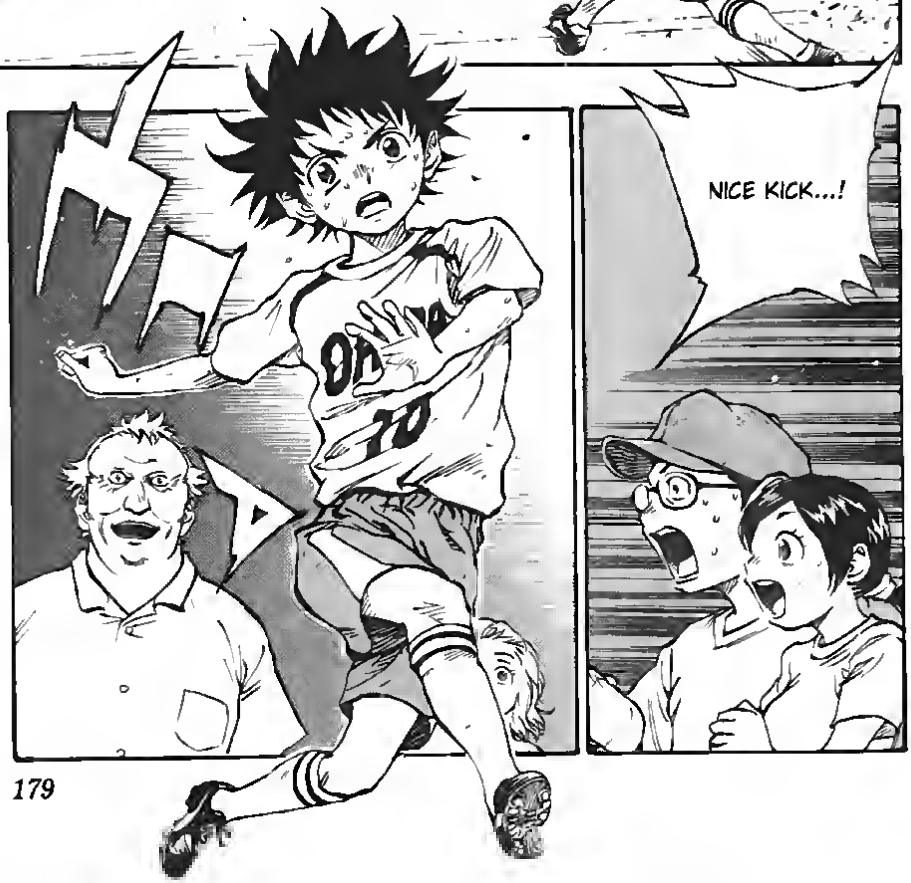

第7節 CHAPTER 7: STEP UP
ステップアップ

YESSSSSS!!!
OHURR
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THAT WAS AWE-SOME!!
RYUUUUUUUU!!!

DAMMIT!
DAMMIT!!
DAMMIT!

チーム
前半
後半
TOTAL
加賀谷
2
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3
OHURA IS IN THE LEAD BY 1 GOAL!

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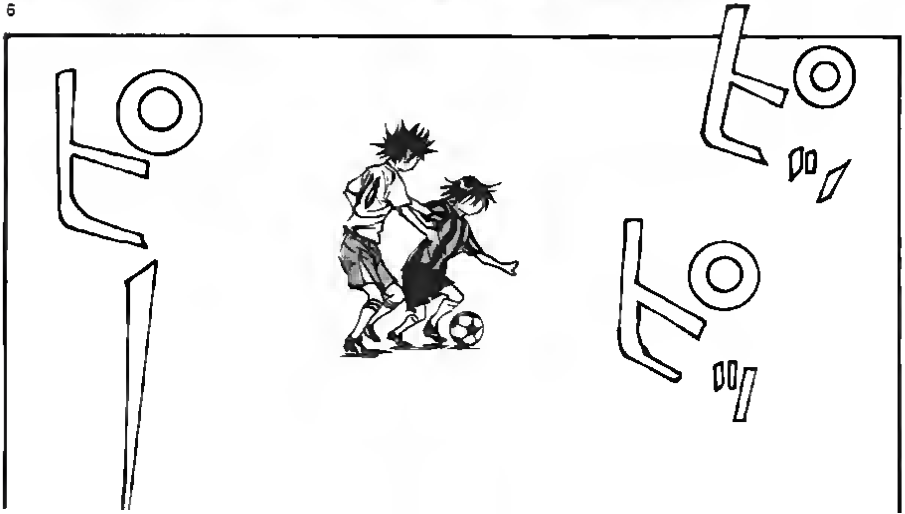
WE WON...
YEAH! WE CAN FINALLY RELAX NOW!

THERE'S STILL ABOUT ONE... NO, TWO MINUTES...
IS IT OVER YET?

OF MY WAY, ICHIJOU!
GET OUT...
LIKE HELL I'LL DO THAT!
DREAM ON!
DAMMITTTTT!!!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THE MATCH IS OVER!
THE TEAM WHO WILL BE MOVING ON TO THE QUARTER FINAL IS OHURA FC!!
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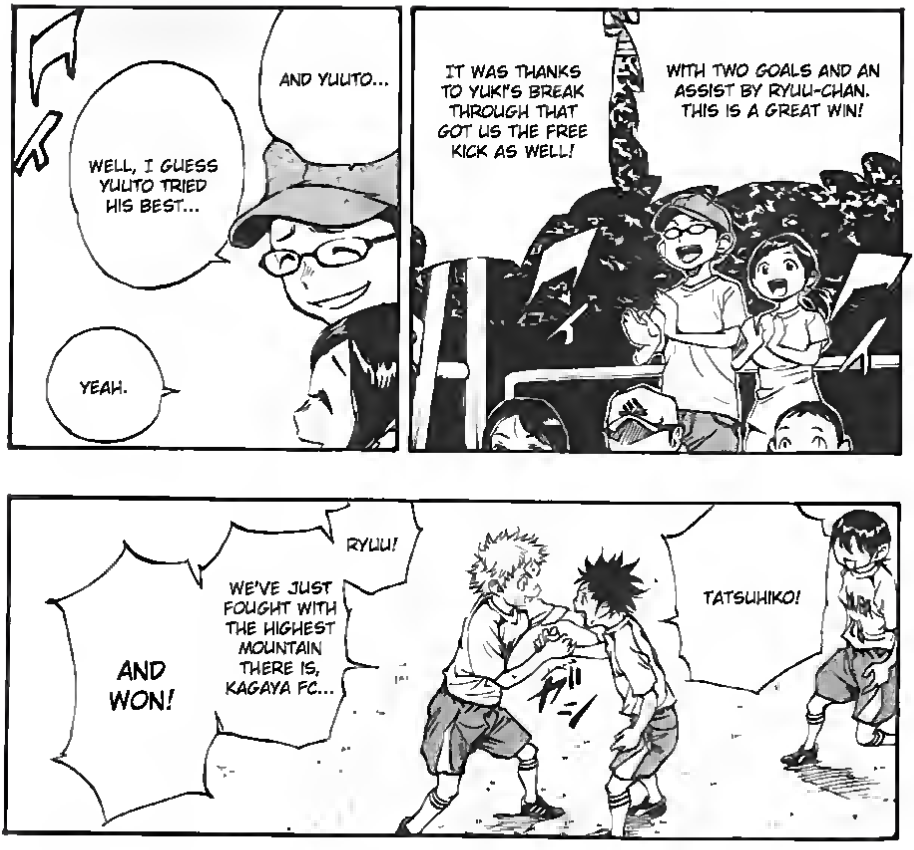
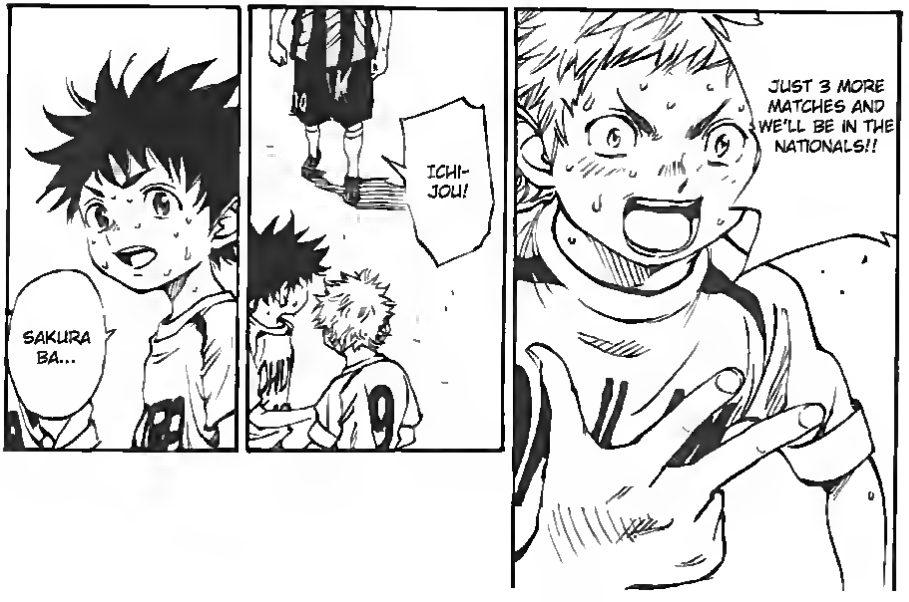
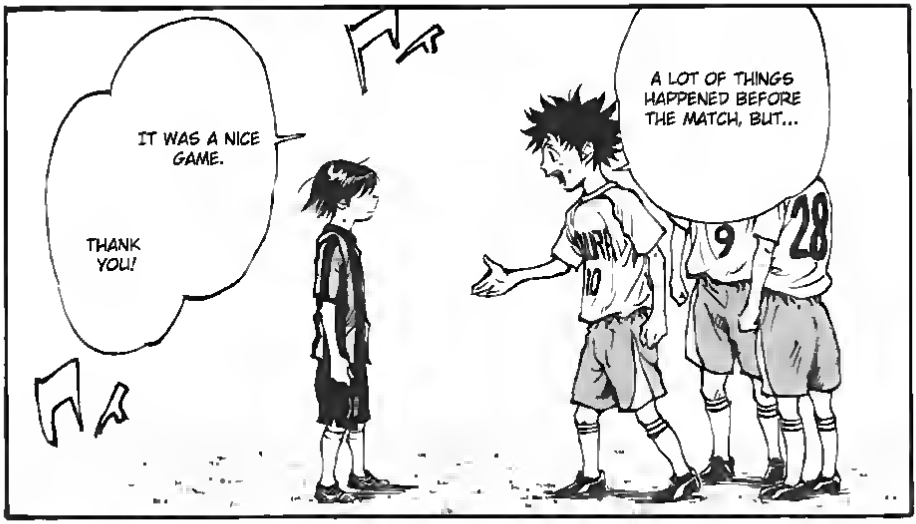

AND YUUTO...
WELL, I GUESS YUUTO TRIED HIS BEST...
YEAH.
IT WAS THANKS TO YUKI'S BREAK THROUGH THAT GOT US THE FREE KICK AS WELL!
WITH TWO GOALS AND AN ASSIST BY RYUU-CHAN. THIS IS A GREAT WIN!
AND WON!
WE'VE JUST FOUGHT WITH THE HIGHEST MOUNTAIN THERE IS, KAGAYA FC...
RYUU!
TATSUHIKO!


SAKURA BA...
ICHI-JOU!
JUST 3 MORE MATCHES AND WE'LL BE IN THE NATIONALS!!


IT WAS A NICE GAME.
THANK YOU!
A LOT OF THINGS HAPPENED BEFORE THE MATCH, BUT...

DON'T THINK I'VE LOST TO YOU JUST YET!
STUFF YOUR THANK YOU!

HOW CAN YOU MEASURE AN ATTACKER'S ABILITY WHEN HE'S PLAYING DEFENSE ALL THE TIME?
YOU CAN'T!!

I'M ALONE MANAGED TO GET 2 GOALS!
WHILE YOU NEEDED TO RELY ON YOUR TEAMMATES TO EVEN GET ONE!
OKAY, MAYBE YOU DID THAT MID-RANGE KICK IN THE FIRST HALF ALONE...
BUT THAT'S STILL JUST ONE GOAL!
IN SHORT, I'M, SAKURABA TAKUMI, STILL BETTER THAN YOU, ICHIJOU RYUU, OK!?
SO SHOW ME SOME RESPECT!!!

OHURA
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BUT EHHH...
HE KINDA GOT A POINT, YOU KNOW?
FORGET ABOUT HIM, HE'S IN A DIFFERENT TEAM ANYWAY...
FEELS LIKE HE'S JUST A SELFISH KINDA GUY...
WHY DID HE EVEN SAY THAT...?
URGH! THAT'D BE THE WORST!
SO THERE'S A CHANCE WE MIGHT LAND IN THE SAME TEAM AS HIM IF ME AND RYUU JOIN THE JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE.
AND WASN'T HE SAYING SOMETHING ABOUT THE JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE TOO?
IN TERM OF SKILL, HE'S WAY BETTER THAN US.
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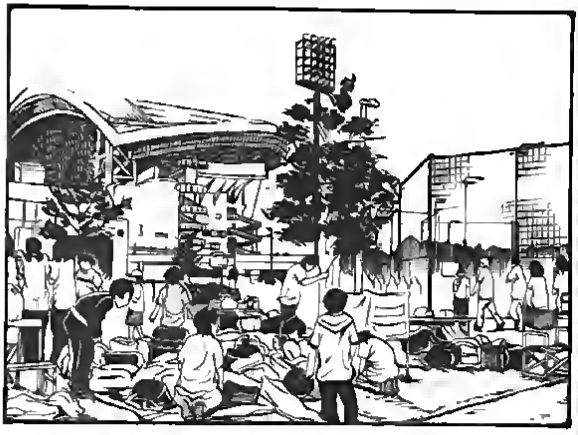
AHHHH... REALLY!!?
I'D LIKE TO AVOID HIM TOO...
CAUSE EARLIER, HE WAS ALSO TALKING ABOUT HOW HE WANTS TO BE JAPAN'S REPRESENTATIVE TOO...



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ON THE LEFT, BLOCK HIM!
RYUU!!

NICE CROSS!
SO THIS IS WHERE WE END...?
A DIRECT VOLLEY!?

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HE ALONE HAS GAINED ANOTHER LEVEL!
A HAT TRICK BY ICHIJOU!

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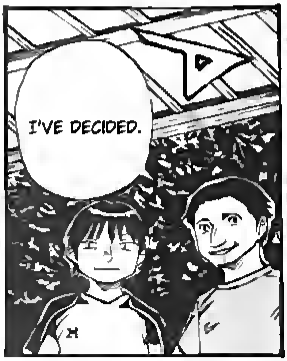
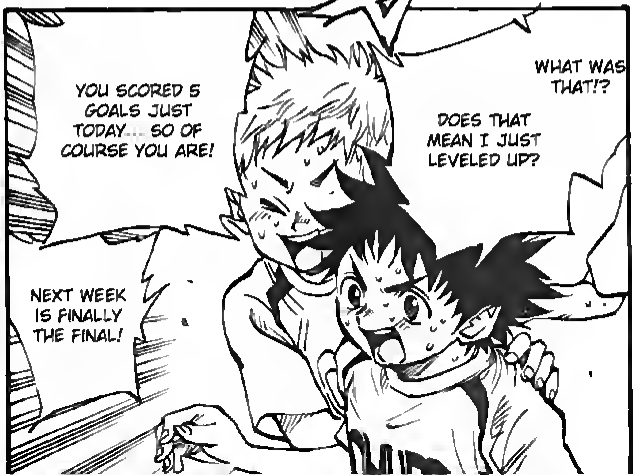
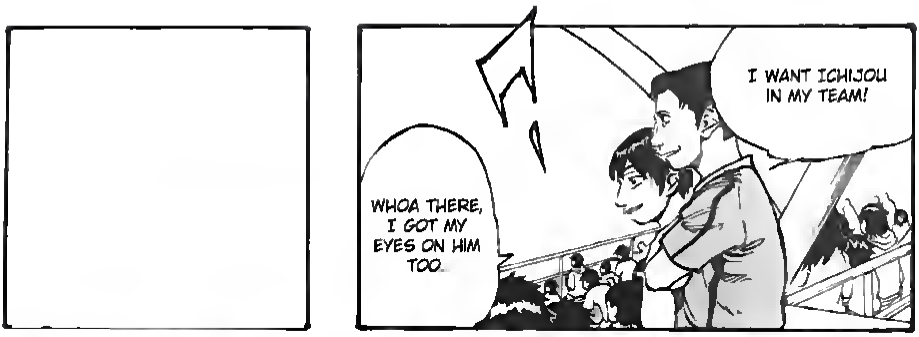

I'VE DECIDED.


YOU SCORED 5 GOALS JUST TODAY... SO OF COURSE YOU ARE!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
DOES THAT MEAN I JUST LEVELED UP?
NEXT WEEK IS FINALLY THE FINAL!


I WANT ICHIJOU IN MY TEAM!
WHOA THERE, I GOT MY EYES ON HIM TOO.

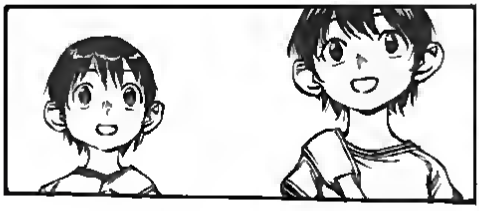
YOU SOUND EXCITED, YUKI...
AND GO STRAIGHT TO THE NATIONAL!
WE JUST NEED TO WIN NEXT WEEK'S FINAL!

AFTER THE MATCH, SOME SCOUTS CAME TO TALK TO HIM ABOUT YOU!!
HEY, THE COACH SAID THAT,

SINCE HE CAN'T GO TO THE JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE.
YUUTO WILL TOO, OF COURSE!
YOU'RE RIGHT...

I'LL DIRECTLY SUPPORT YOUR PLAN, RYUU-CHAN...
FROM START TO FINISH.

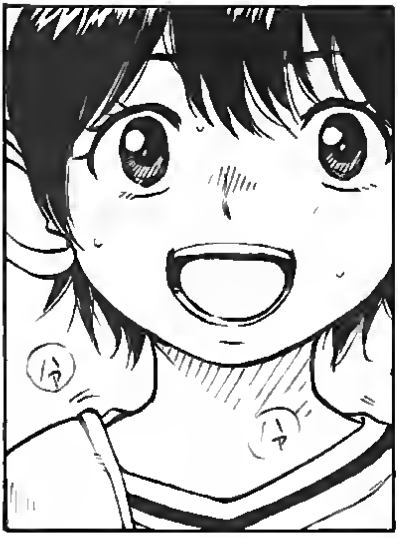
MAYBE SO.



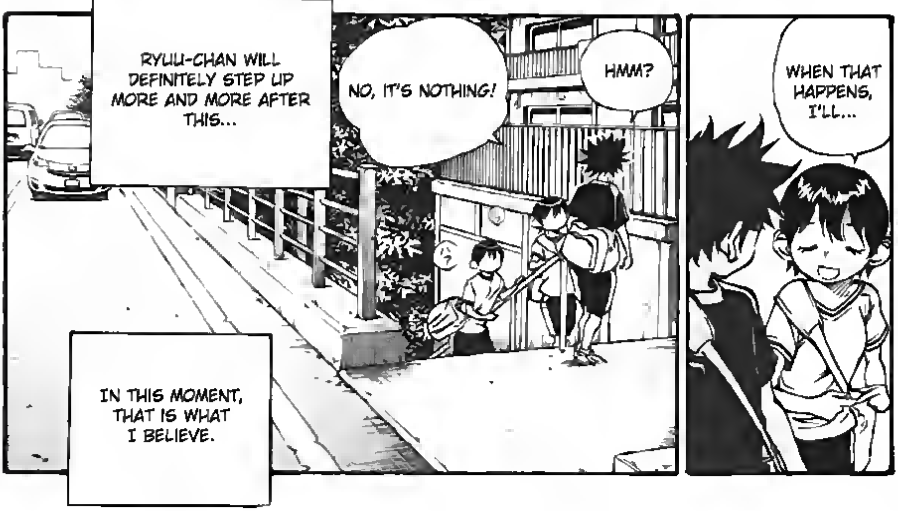
WHAT I REALLY FEEL RIGHT NOW
IS THAT I NEED TO GET BETTER AND BETTER.
SO I DON'T WANT TO GO,
UNTIL I THINK I CAN GO!

TO THE JUNIOR YOUTH LEAGUE
THE YOUTH LEAGUE
THE J-LEAGUE
...
AND THEN.

ARE YOU GONNA JOIN THE REDS?
OR THE ARDIJA?
I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.
I'M NOT GOING TO DECIDE RIGHT AWAY.
SERIOUSLY!? IF THE FUTURE RYUU-CHAN HEARS YOU RIGHT NOW, HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE HIS EARS!



BECOME JAPAN REPRESENTATIVE!


RYUU-CHAN WILL DEFINITELY STEP UP MORE AND MORE AFTER THIS...
NO, IT'S NOTHING!
HMM?
WHEN THAT HAPPENS, I'LL...
IN THIS MOMENT, THAT IS WHAT I BELIEVE.